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**Where to Find Information:**

*Project documents are available at the following locations to help the public stay informed.*

**Central Library of Rochester and Monroe County**

115 South Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14604-1896  
(585) 428-7300

**Phillis Wheatley Community Library**

33 Dr. Samuel McCree Way  
Rochester, NY 14608  
(585) 428-8212

**Rochester City School District  
Offices**

131 W Broad St  
Rochester, NY 14614-1187  
(585) 262-8100

**Lincoln Branch Library**

851 Joseph Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14621  
(585) 428-8210

Project documents also are available on the NYSDEC website at:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C828159A/>

**Who to Contact:**

*Comments and questions are always welcome and should be directed as follows:*

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**For more information about New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:**

[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html)

# FACT SHEET

## Brownfield Cleanup Program

690 Saint Paul Street–Off Site

690 Saint Paul Street  
Rochester, NY 14614

**SITE No. C828159A**

**NYSDEC REGION 8**

**October 2019**

## No Further Cleanup Action Proposed for the Property that Includes 691 Saint Paul Street; Public Comment Period Announced

The public is invited to comment on a “no further action” remedy being proposed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (DOH) for a site called “690 Saint Paul Street – Off-Site,” which includes 691 Saint Paul Street in Rochester, Monroe County (map below).

**Site Description:** The off-site area addressed in this cleanup includes properties on the west side of Saint Paul Street and includes the property at 691 Saint Paul Street which includes a six-story brick building with a footprint of 30,630 square feet. The building is primarily used for offices.

The adjacent 690 Saint Paul Street was a participant in DEC's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) and underwent a comprehensive investigation and cleanup of the property from 2009 until 2018, when DEC issued a certificate of completion. It is located on the east side of Saint Paul Street in the City of Rochester just north of the intersection of Saint Paul Street and Upper Falls Boulevard.

From around 1920 until the late 1960s, the property was owned and operated by Bausch and Lomb to manufacture lenses and other products. A foundry was also present near the northeast corner of the BCP site.

**Summary of the Investigation and Cleanup Measure:** Prior industrial activities at 690 Saint Paul Street included the use of the chlorinated solvent trichloroethene (TCE), an industrial chemical that is commonly used to remove grease from parts. Environmental investigations showed that TCE-contaminated groundwater was migrating off-site to the west towards 691 Saint Paul Street. TCE was detected at levels above the DOH guidance value in the indoor air at the off-site commercial building located at 691 Saint Paul Street on the west side of Saint Paul Street.

In 2017, DEC required the responsible party, Bausch and Lomb to enter into an Order on Consent to investigate and address impacts to the off-site area. An Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) was implemented at the building to address the indoor air contamination.

The IRM included installation of a sub-slab ventilation system in a commercial property located at 691 Saint Paul Street. The sub-slab ventilation system prevents contaminant vapors from entering the building. Construction of the ventilation system was completed in February 2018 and system effectiveness was subsequently documented, including testing

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of indoor air. Once the IRM was completed, the air inside the building was tested. Sample analysis demonstrated DOH guidance values had been achieved.

Additional details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on DEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, C828159A) at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/externalapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3>

**Proposed No Further Action Remedy:** The no further action proposal is based on the completion of the expedited IRM cleanup and subsequent testing that demonstrated the indoor air at 691 Saint Paul Street was protective of public health and the environment

As part of the cleanup, Bausch and Lomb will submit a Final Engineering Report for DEC review. This report will document that cleanup requirements have been achieved to fully protect public health and the environment.

Bausch and Lomb will also submit a Site Management Plan for DEC review. This plan will provide for the long-term operation of the IRM. It also requires Bausch and Lomb to periodically document and certify compliance with the plan to DEC.

Documents related to the cleanup of the Off-Site area can be found at the locations identified to the left under "Where to Find Information."

**Next Steps:** DEC will consider public comments and make any necessary revisions as it finalizes the remedy for the off-site area. The selected remedy will be

described in a document called a "Decision Document." The approved report will be made available to the public under "Where to Find Information" on Page 1 of this fact sheet.

**How to Comment:** DEC is accepting written comments about the proposed remedy for 45 days, from **October 17 through December 2, 2019**. The proposed cleanup is in a report called a Proposed Decision Document (PDD). The PDD is available for public review at the locations identified at left under "Where to Find Information." Please submit comments to the DEC project manager listed under Project-Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area at left.

***We encourage you to share this fact sheet with neighbors and tenants, and/or post this fact sheet in a prominent area of your building for others to see.***

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[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html)

It's quick, it's free, and it will help keep you better informed. As a listserv member, you will periodically receive site-related information/ announcements for all contaminated sites in the county(ies) you select.

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## Site Location Map

